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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/539,810  
SHEET COMBINING DEVICE AND A  
METHOD FOR COMBINING SHEETS  
Application No. 10/539,810  
Filing Date: 06/20/2005


Dear Sir:

I received today the Filing Receipt and Notice of Acceptance of Application in the above-noted application. On the Notice of Acceptance of Application, it is stated that "Article 19 amendments have not been entered because No English Translation submitted."

The enclosed translation of the pertinent portions of a response by our client KBA, responsive to the Notification Regarding the Forwarding of the International Search Report, and five pages of amended Article 19 claims were submitted with the rest of the 35 U.S.C. 371 requirements on June 20, 2005, as verified by the enclosed, date-stamped receipt card. Therefore, I would like to request that a corrected Notice of Acceptance of Application be issued in the above-noted application.

Very truly yours,

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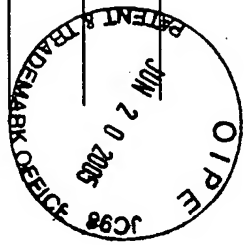
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Title SHEET COMBINING DEVICE AND A METHOD FOR COMBINING SHEETS



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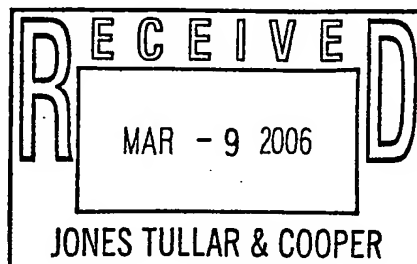
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371 ACCEPTANCE LETTER



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The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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<u>06/20/2005</u>	<u>06/20/2005</u>
DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS	DATE OF COMPLETION OF ALL 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE " FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.** The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

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- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 06/20/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 06/20/2005
- Copy of Annexes to the IPE filed on 06/20/2005
- Copy of Article 19 Amendments filed on 06/20/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 06/20/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 06/20/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 06/20/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 06/20/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 06/20/2005
- Substitute Specification filed on 06/20/2005

- Assignment filed on 06/20/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 06/20/2005
- Specification filed on 06/20/2005
- Claims filed on 06/20/2005
- Abstracts filed on 06/20/2005
- Drawings filed on 06/20/2005

The following defects have been observed:

- Article 19 amendments have not been entered because No English Translation submitted.

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## FILING RECEIPT



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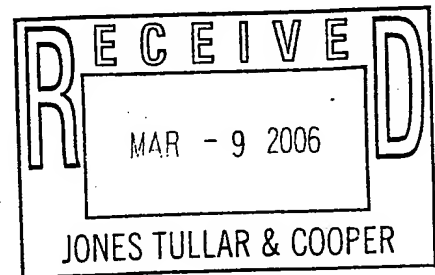
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## Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

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**Title**

Sheet combining device and a method for combining sheets

**Preliminary Class**

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